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Mr. Will Kempton, Director  
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Attention: Federal Resources Office, M.S. 82  
For Rachel Falsetti, Division of Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: TMPO 2008/09 FTIP/FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 1

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 1 to the Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization's (TMPO) 2008 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated March 9, 2009. The TMPO Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2009-02 on February 25, 2009, approving this FTIP modification and reaffirming the conformity of the transportation improvement program with the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality. As detailed in the enclosure to your letter, this TMPO FTIP amendment updates the FTIP financial plan to include estimated available revenue for the Tahoe metropolitan planning region anticipated through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

We find that the TMPO 2008 FTIP, including Amendment No. 1, was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process in accord with the metropolitan transportation planning provisions of 23 U.S.C. §134 and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53. We have determined that the adopted modifications to the TMPO FTIP financial plan are exempt from the regional emissions analysis requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Transportation Conformity Rule as amended. The metropolitan transportation planning and regional air quality conformity findings have been coordinated with the regional offices of the U.S. EPA and Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Based on our review of the FTIP financial constraint documentation submitted with the subject amendment, we have determined that the amended FTIP is financially constrained as required by the Federal surface transportation programs authorizing legislation and statewide and metropolitan planning and programming regulations.

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If you have questions or need additional information concerning our FSTIP approval for this TMPO FTIP amendment, please contact Wade Hobbs of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5027, or by email at [wade.hobbs@dot.gov](mailto:wade.hobbs@dot.gov), or Ted Matley of the FTA Region IX office at (415) 744-2590, or by email at [ted.matley@fta.dot.gov](mailto:ted.matley@fta.dot.gov).

Sincerely,

*/s/ Leslie T. Rogers*

Leslie T. Rogers  
Regional Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration

*/s/ K. Sue Kiser*

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. C. Waidehich Jr.", written in a cursive style.

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